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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for whole birds steady to fully steady with hens in the best position. Trading and demand limited, most activity for distributive movement opened priced. Offerings light to adequate with product from the Midwest more available than trade requirements. Demand and trading for parts slow with most interest noted for export.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Inquiry was mixed and in a full range. Thighs, drums, wings, and mechanically separated turkey all receiving fairly good interest from many areas for export. Trading moderately heavy centering on drums and open priced frozen thigh meat



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 21, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	77	77.00	200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	72	72.00	200	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 15, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	OCT
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Undertone steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat for current shipment with a mixed sentiment noted about what effect the losses in North Carolina will have on future market conditions. Tom drum, full-cut wings and frozen thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady, destrapped tenderloins steady. Inquiry light to fair on bulk parts and meats. Trading light. Offerings of dark meat items generally held with confidence and fresh tom breast meat light to instances fully adequate. Fresh destrapped tenderloins (1 load) 175 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums (1 load) 16 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	104.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	139.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	16.50-18.50		17.90	200
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	18.50-20.00		19.25	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	9
NECKS, TOM		F	16.53	43
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	175.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00		185.00	65
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.60	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	73.50	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	57.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	30
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00		18.00	400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	22.50	104
TAILS		R	13.00	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.25	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	59.00	156

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	79-82
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	78-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-81

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-95
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 1999.

Fresh tom breast meat trade sentiment steady to barely steady, however, some are noting increased activity as a few buyers start looking for alternate suppliers as a result of last week's hurricane. Frozen tom breast meat is finding little support at the 175 cent price level with most offers and trades noted at lower trending prices. Frozen tom breast meat trading heavy at 165 for October, 1999-January, 2000. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts (part load) 105, fresh destrapped tenderloins (3 loads) 173-175, mostly 175 cents delivered. For export: frozen tenderloins (1 load) 158 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	102.00		102.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	125.00		125.00	1,116
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	17.50-18.00		17.80	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	19.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	19.50-20.00		19.61	27
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	52.00	9
NECKS, TOM	16.50-17.00		16.65	36
NECKS, HEN	15.50		15.50	3
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	186.00-193.00		188.88	680
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	56.60	50
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	110.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	72.00		72.00	40
TENDERLOINS	158.00		158.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	57.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-21.00		19.14	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-19.75		19.15	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.50		22.50	104
TAILS	13.00		13.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50-22.00		19.95	224
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-59.00		58.25	208

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA				W/E 9/21/99
POULTRY HEALTH BOARD				ACCUMULATED
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL	
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDERS	
1999-2000	1,249	43,609	43,609	
1998-1999	10,998	94,879	94,879	

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